GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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PROPOSAL FOR ALLOTMENT OF IRON ORE MINES
Mahto Shri Tek Lal

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the State Government of Jharkhand to the Union Government for approval regarding allotment of iron ore mines during the last three years;

(b) the number of such proposals finalized and pending till date;

(c) the reasons for pending of such proposals;

(d) whether the Government proposes any special drives for exploration and exploitation of iron ore available in abundance in the State; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a)to(c): Twenty two proposals have been received from the State Government of Jharkhand since 1.1.2003 till 22.11.2006 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mining lease for iron ore to various individuals and companies. Out of these, decision on 18 proposals has been conveyed to the State Government. Out of the remaining 4 proposals, 3 proposals are pending since further information/clarification from the State Government on these proposals is awaited, and one proposal, in which the information/clarification has been received recently, has been processed for decision.

(d)&(e): In so far as Ministry of Mines is concerned, the Geological Survey of India, a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines, has proposed to take up a new programme for assessment of iron ore in Rajhara, Sokra, Nawa, Datam & Bhiwa Batham areas in Palamau district of Jharkhand during Field Season 2006-2007.